

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1309 - SB 1326

March 4, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a currently licensed funeral director or embalmer to apply for inactive status. The inactive licensee may re-apply for active license status after demonstrating to the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers that the inactive licensee has completed continuing education requirements during the period of inactive status.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - The Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers will incur one-time costs of \$10,500 which includes \$2,500 in computer updates, \$2,000 for printing and mailing notices, \$5,000 for a rule-making hearing, and \$1,000 for form modifications. According to the Board, currently there are approximately 3,000 licensees who pay biennial renewal fees of \$275 each. The Board assumes that 20 percent (600) of these licensees will apply for inactive status resulting in a decrease in revenue of \$165,000 (\$275 x 600) biennially resulting in the need to increase fees. The Board assumes that the fees for application for inactive status will be \$100 per application which would offset the loss of income by \$60,000 (\$100 x 600) resulting in a net loss of \$105,000 (\$165,000 - \$60,000) biennially. Fees on active licensees will be increased in an amount to offset the reduction in revenue from inactive licensees.

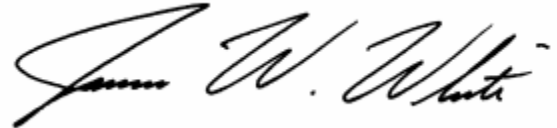
Assumptions:

- Modifications to the computer system and application form will be required for a total of \$3,500.
- Notice of changes in law will be required to be mailed to all licensees at a cost of \$2,000.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$177,133.45.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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